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AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA BEGINNING FY 77

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1. FROM OUR STANDPOINT, PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF PENINSULA
AG ATTACHE IS USEFUL MOVE. OMAN IS AND WILL REMAIN A GROWING
MARKET FOR FOOD IMPORTS, PARTICULARLY FOOD GRAIN, FRUITS,
AND MILK PRODUCTS. IN 1974, FOODSTUFFS REPRESENTED 24 PERCENT
OF ANNUAL IMPORTS. HAVING USDA REP ELSEWHERE IN GULF OR
PENINSULA TO HELP ORIENT IMPORTERS TO U.S. SOURCES OF SUPPLY
SHOULD BE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE THAN PRESENT LOCATION IN
BEIRUT, WHICH SIMPLY IS TOO FAR FROM OMAN TO BE VERY MEAN-
INGFUL TO LOCAL TRADERS.

2. REGIONAL AG ATTACHE COULD ALSO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO OMANGOV
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. THESE WOULD MAINLY CONCERN
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ARID LAND FARMING TECHNIQUES AND LIVESTOCK RAISING. SINCE

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION HAS REMAINED CONSTANT AT A LEVEL OF \$20 MILLION OVER LAST THREE YEARS, AND ADVANCES IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION HAVE BEEN SPORADIC, OMANGOV HAS GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY TO IMPROVING LOCAL AGRICULTURE.

3. WHILE ANY PENINSULA LOCATION WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT, KUWAIT OR MANAMA WOULD HAVE PARTICULAR ADVANTAGE TO US BECAUSE OF RELATIVE PROXIMITY AND BETTER AIRLINE CONNECTIONS AS COMPARED TO JIDDA.

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